

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND INFANT & TODDLER ENVIRONMENT RATING SUMMARY
AREAS OF CONCERN
FEBRUARY 2004

* & Bold indicates repeat from 2003

Infant Room

<u>Areas</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
*#5 Display for children	Increase pictures of our infants w/families Discuss photos w/children	6
2003	scribble pictures not displayed/could use more display at children's level	6
#4 Room arrangement	Visibility of children mirrors are needed	2
#7 Meals/snack	Put children in chairs for bottles-not walking around. Hold infants while bottle feeding space out feeding times	7
#8 Nap	Be sure infants aren't left long time fussing in cribs	7
#9 Diapering/toileting	Need to include step 5 w/all diaper changes	7
#15 Informal use of language	Alexis P. minimal verbal interaction	7
#16 Books & pictures	Increase use of books, nursery rhymes, or talk about pictures	6
#18 Active physical play	No changes to large muscle equip./ toys active play areas are crowded indoors	4
#20 Music/movement	Increase musical toys/activities	6
*#22 Pretend play	Need toy phones, pans etc.	6
#26	Alexis P. no variation of interaction	5

#33 Opportunities for growth

Only 1 staff mtg.
with staff

month plus Ruth meets

Other Comments: Look at ways to interest babies who are not yet sitting up. Reduce time spent sitting in bouncer with little stimulation.
Watch rotation of toys to ensure good selection. Good interactions w/infants

Pretoddler Room

<u>AREAS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
* #7 Meals/snack	Little conversation w/children. Sometimes food is too hot or enough	4
2003	Caregivers comments to children mainly corrective. Most conversation between caregivers Back section used meal time to talk w/children	4
#9 Diapering/toileting	Need to included step 5 with all diaper changes	7
# 10 Personal Grooming	No tooth brushing for toddlers	6
# 13 Safety practices	Working on toddler only area	6
* #15 Informal use of lang.	Some staff need to increase quality to quantity of conversations w/children	6
2003	Caregiver does not always repeat what a child said or add words & ideas when appropriate	6
*#16 Books & pictures	Don't have at least 12 books available during most of the day	4
2003	No storytime while I observed minimum # of books were out books are usually avail. only when children are in front section although caregivers read stories to children at other times	2 1
*#17 Eye-hand coordination	Limited manipulative available at tables---should have shelf full of toys for table use.	6
2003	No crayon or toys w/many pieces /by supervision caregivers offered to a child while I was in the room	4

*#18 Active physical play	No rotation of physical play toys & equip.	6
2003	Need large tumbling mat outside	
	No talking about up down in/out safety rules	6
*#20 Music/movement	No musical toys available, toys avail. in front room or large muscle side. Little rotation of toys	4
2003	Children were doing music & movements with Donna but there weren't any instruments in the Area for the children to use	2
	Saw no musical instruments out for children	
	Only one caregiver doing song/small group rotation of music toys? Informal singing	
	no dancing clapping singing along by children during observation	
*#21 Blocks	Need smaller blocks for teacher activity w/toddlers	6
2003	need more variety of blocks*	5
	no blocks available	1
* #22 Pretend area*	Few kitchen toys shelves bare. Need more dress-up clothes	5
2003	Only a few things in kitchen, cups, plates	
	no boxes of food could be seen	5
	only baby dolls & blankets avail one	3
	te of clothes-uninviting	
*#23 Sand & water play	Increase water play options indoors	5
2003	Not always accessible	
	sand & water play while I observed	5
*#26 Adult-Child interactions	Quality of caregiver interaction w/children not consistent. All need to show physical warmth	5
2003	All but one	6

Other comments: Must check sand each PM for debris. Work at ways to increase parent involvement.

TOODLER ROOM

<u>AREAS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
#5 Display for children	No family pictures , No children's art in room	6
#10 Personal Grooming	Need to do tooth brushing each day after lunch	6
*#11 Health Practice 2003	Need more health pamphlets No health pamphlets provided to parents	6 6
#16 Books & pictures	Could use more soft furniture & pillows	6
#18 Active physical play	Need more balls, mats, toys for outside play	6
#19 Art	No children's art work displayed	4
*#21 Blocks 2003	Need to interact more w/children Need variety Add small blocks that require teacher Supervision 3x wk for older toddlers blocks were in their own area/but not utilized while observing No small blocks requiring supervision	6 6 6 6
*#22 Pretend play 2003	Need more dress-up clothes Outdoor materials	 6
#25 Peer interaction	Need to use more encouragement w/children	6
#29 Supervision of daily activities	Need to plan more small group activities etc. Use science, cooking in small group activity	

Other comments: Need mirror to increase visibility of children. Keep meal times relaxed—allow for slow eaters. Increase small manipulatives that require teacher Supervision.

Preschool 1
AREAS

COMMENTS

SCORE

*#5 Space for Privacy	Don't have rm. to make privacy area	6
#6 Child related display	More teacher or commercial material displayed than children's art. Most art displayed doesn't show individualized work of children. No 3-D art displayed.	4
#7 Space for gross motor	Gross motor indoors—increase activities & possibly equipment	6
#10 Meals/ snacks	Need to increase conversations during meals	6
#11 Nap/rest	Need provisions for non-nappers—early risers should have place to play quietly—allowed off cot.	6
# 15 Books & Pictures	not enough books available/ No sign of books relating to learning theme (colors)/suggest adding books to science area on science topics	4
#16 Encouraging children to communicate	Increase linking children's spoken words to written words/write down what they say for them to see	6
#17 Using language to develop	Increase sorting, sequencing, etc materials to reasoning skills	6
*#20 Art	Only art materials available were paints at easel & crayons/ need children's art center	4
	Need to include 3 dimensional art	6
	Increase accessibility to art materials for Wanda's side. Need more variety in art center	3
2003		
#21 Music/movement	Encourage more creativity w/music & movement Activities to expand musical understanding are(3-4xyl) Needed / increase active songs	

#22 Blocks

#24 Dramatic Play

Increase rotation of props-use prop boxes
Need outdoor props/add pictures, stories to
Enrich dramatic play area

6

#25 Nature/science

Need to encourage collections/add science books
to science area/increase special science activities &
experiments

2

#26 Math/number

Rotate math materials/increase special math activity

5

#27 Use of TV, video and/or computer

Increase computer use link to learning themes be
sure to allow for alternate activities

6

#34 Schedule

Decrease time spent waiting to go outside

4

#35 Free play

Increase rotation of toys, materials to match
children's interest

6

#36 Group time

Allow for younger children to not participate in
circle time

4

***#39 Provision for personal needs**

Because of shortage of flex staff, we have to take
breaks whenever we have someone to give them

6

2003

No consistent time/staff for breaks

6

***#41 Staff interaction & cooperation**

We have planning time once a month

6

2003

Planning time once month for 1 hour

6

Sometimes cut short

Other comments: Need to increase soft cushions to make library area more inviting. Increase questions that encourage complex answers.
Increase group projects—group cooperation

Preschool 2

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<u>AREAS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
*#6 Child related display 2003	No 3-D art work displayed no comment	6 6
#10 Meals & snacks	Children at round table no conversation need proper serving utensils	6
#11 Nap/rest	Be sure to allow none nappers to play quietly after 30min.s. Allow early risers to get up & play	7
#16 Encourage children to communicate	Increase writing down children's words	7
*#18 Informal use of language 2003	Ask more questions requiring complex answers add to children's ideas, questions to encourage complex responses	6 6
#20 Arts	Add extended art activities that take several days Art materials available to children for independent use are limited to crayons, paper, markers, pencils. Need to have independent art center with a variety of materials available	4
# 21 Music/movement	Add special music activities. Increase encouragement of creativity w/music expression	6
#22 Blocks	Need to have outdoor block play available	6
*# 26 Math/numbers 2003	Do extended number activity involving teacher every 2 wks toys for measuring, need to add special math activities, ex. Graphs, recording 3s of things	6 6
#33 Interactions among children	Increase group project-children working cooperatively	6

HOURLY CARE Multi-Age 6wks-6yrs

<u>AREAS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
* Bold indicated repeat from 2003		
*#3 Furnishings for relaxation	No cozy area	5
2003	not enough space for cozy area	4
*#4 Room Arrangement	Increase visual stimulation for infants	6
2003	Need more manipulatives for rotation	6
2003	shelves not labeled in some toy areas	6
#5 Space for privacy	No space for privacy	4
*#5 Display for children	No photos of children	6
2003	limited pictures at child's level due to radiators	6
#7 Space for gross motor	Outdoor space not organized due to lack of equip.	4
#8 Gross Motor Equip	Need outdoor equip.	3
*#16 Encouraging children to Comm.	Link children's language to with written works by writing down dictated words, stories	6
	Need to too do more dictating & verbal w/children so they can see written words	6
2003	no evidence of linking children's spoken words to written language	6
#19 Fine motor	Need more fine toys for rotation	6
*#21 Music/movement	Add extended music expanded music activities rotation of musical toys	6
#22 Block play	Need block outdoors	6
#23 Sand/water	Need to have water play available either indoor/outdoor	6
*#24 Dramatic Play	Outdoor props needed	6

	diversity props need outdoor props pretend play materials for outside?	6
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*#25 Nature/science 2003	Need more materials need to have materials from 3 of these areas: 1. collections 2. science bks, game toys 3. living things 4. science activities add special projects, cooking, measuring etc.	4
*#26 Math/number 2003	Add math activities every 2 wks No comment math material requiring more involvement, activities that promote math learning	5 4 4